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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The following preliminary amendment is being entered to ensure that the Patent Office is aware of the Article 34 amendments that were made in the applicants Response to Written Opinion filed on November 13, 2000 in the above-referenced application during Phase II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty. The Authorized Officer acknowledged the aforementioned amendments referring to them as Annexes in the Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report issued on December 22, 2000. A copy of the Amended Sheet and the original International Application are herein attached.

In the Specification

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